

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA
Public Meeting Room A
Delta Township Administration Building
7710 West Saginaw Highway
Lansing MI 48917

**TOWNSHIP BOARD REGULAR MEETING MINUTES FOR
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2015**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Supervisor Fletcher called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. OPENING CEREMONIES – Pledge of Allegiance

III. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Supervisor Ken Fletcher, Treasurer Howard Pizzo, Clerk Mary R. Clark, Trustee Dennis Fedewa, Trustee Jeff Hicks, and Trustee Karen Mojica

Members Absent: Trustee Douglas Kosinski

Others Present: Acting Manager Jeff Anderson, Lt. Mark Wriggelsworth, Parks & Recreation Director Marcus Kirkpatrick, Fire Chief John Clark, Assistant Chief Mike Roman, and Assessing Department Deputy Director Ted Droste

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED TO EXCUSE TRUSTEE KOSINSKI FROM THE FEBRUARY 16, 2015 TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING.

TRUSTEE HICKS SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS –

1. Fire Department Badge Pinning and Oath of Office

Fire Chief John Clark and Assistant Fire Chief Mike Roman administered the oath of office to firefighter Marten Reader, who had his badge pinned on by his dad.

V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED TO APPROVE THE AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

VI. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE

VII. COMMUNICATIONS

2. Letter from Mr. Howard Spence Regarding Board of Water and Light Board Non-Voting Advisory Member Committee Appointment

Mr. Spence submitted a letter to the Board, offering his comments on the selection process for the Board of Water and Light Delta Township representative.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR ITEMS NOT ON AGENDA *(maximum two minutes)*

IX. INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

X. PASSAGE OF ORDINANCES –

XI. CONSENT AGENDA –

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: SUPERVISOR FLETCHER, CLERK CLARK, TREASURER PIZZO, TRUSTEE FEDEWA, TRUSTEE HICKS, AND TRUSTEE MOJICA.

NAYS: NONE

ABSENT: TRUSTEE KOSINSKI

THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

3.	Bills and Financial Transactions	\$	2,636,474.80
	Bond/Debt Payments		
	Investments		
	Payroll & Related		688,149.85
	Refunds		9,880.18
	Tax Distributions		692,592.40
	Vendor Claims		1,245,852.37
	Total	\$	2,636,474.80

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE BILLS AND FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,636,474.80.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

4. Minutes –

January 20, 2015 Regular Township Board Meeting
February 9, 2015 Committee of the Whole Meeting

TRUSTEE MOJICA MOVED TO APPROVE THE JANUARY 20, 2015 REGULAR TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING MINUTES AND THE FEBRUARY 9, 2015 COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING MINUTES.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XII. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION – NONE.

XIII. ITEMS ADDED TO AGENDA UNDER SECTION V. SET/ADJUST AGENDA

XIV. ITEMS OF BUSINESS

5. Introduction of Meijer Distribution, Inc. Rezoning Request, Case No. 1-15-1

TREASURER PIZZO MOVED THAT THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD INTRODUCE THE MEIJER DISTRIBUTION, INC. REQUEST TO REZONE THE PROPERTY DESCRIBED IN CASE NO. 1-15-1 FROM I1, LIMITED INDUSTRIAL, TO I2, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL. I FURTHER MOVE THAT THE REZONING REQUEST SHALL BE CONSIDERED FOR FINAL ACTION BY THE TOWNSHIP BOARD AT THE MARCH 2, 2015 REGULAR MEETING. THE CLERK IS HEREBY DIRECTED TO PUBLISH NOTICE OF SAID MEETING IN THE LOCAL NEWSPAPERS AS IS REQUIRED.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

6. Revised Appointment Policy to Establish a Board of Water and Light Board Non-Voting Advisory member

CLERK CLARK MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA ADOPT THE REVISED APPOINTMENT POLICY ESTABLISHING THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT BOARD AS A BOARD/COMMISSION WITH REPRESENTATION FROM THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF DELTA AND THE BOARD OF WATER AND LIGHT BOARD APPOINTMENT PROCESS.

TREASURER PIZZO SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 5-1 (TRUSTEE FEDEWA).

Trustee Fedewa offered an explanation for his vote:

“The BWL appointee is entirely different from the township’s boards and commission appointments because:

- Is it to a separate body with a separate jurisdiction
- The appointee will represent thousands of township ratepayers.

Our township boards and commissions mostly deal with individual residents, businesses, and developers.

Therefore the appointment process should be treated differently as well.

Unfortunately, this policy does not treat this appointment any differently.

And as a consequence, it will effectively delegate away to the Supervisor alone, the entire review process and the board’s opportunity to determine for ourselves the best candidate among interested residents. Additionally, reluctance was conveyed during last week’s Committee of the Whole meeting to even share information regarding comparisons between applicants. So as a result, the Board will not know who has even applied for the position and what credentials they bring.

I ran for office on the principles on openness, transparency and inclusion, as did others on this board. I strongly believe the Revised Appointment Policy before us this evening, does not uphold these principles.

My BWL alternative policy proposal is for the full board to openly review all the applicants and come to majority consensus of the most qualified.

In my opinion, the alternative appointment policy I proposed better conforms to these principles.

Some board members expressed concern that we wouldn’t want to embarrass an applicant in public by asking open questions or it being revealed that he or she not being selected.

Well, I’m certain no one on the board wishes to embarrass an applicant and would be sensitive to that end. But if a candidate is too shy to be comfortable in the public eye then he or she should reconsider their interest in serving on the BWL. It is hard to imagine the media diminishing its coverage of the BWL in the foreseeable future and the public has shown unrelenting interest in the developments of the BWL. Further, I expect our Appointee to actively advocate on behalf the Delta Township ratepayers.

So I am deeply disappointed that the Delta Township Board of Trustees has chosen to delegate away its involvement in the BWL appointment review process rather than actively participate, which I believe is our responsibility to the residents of Delta Township.

Therefore in conclusion, I cannot support the Revised Appointment Policy to Establish a Board of Water and Light Non-Voting Advisory Member.

Thank you”

7. Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to the Agreement with Granger container Services, Inc., to Provide Curbside Recycling Services to Delta Township Residents

Curbside recycle collection begins June 1, 2015.

TRUSTEE HICKS MOVED THAT THE TOWNSHIP BOARD APPROVE THE AMENDMENT TO THE RECYCLING AGREEMENT WITH GRANGER CONTAINER SERVICE, INC. THE DELTA TOWNSHIP BOARD ACKNOWLEDGES THE VALUE OF RECYCLING IN THE COMMUNITY AND RECOGNIZES THE BENEFITS OF INCREASING CURBSIDE RECYCLING IN DELTA TOWNSHIP.

CLERK CLARK SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

XV. MANAGER’S REPORT – Jeff Anderson, Acting Township Manager

Mr. Anderson stated that there are some blight issues and potential danger regarding the house fire on Lochgreen. The insurance funds are in escrow to assist with blight remediation costs.

Mr. Anderson spoke about the employee enrichment day, and mentioned some talking points that were covered during employee discussions:

- What does Delta Township do well?
- What can we do better that we want attention to?
- What do employees want to see as a measure of appreciation?

The summary of the discussions will shared with the township board at a later date.

Mr. Anderson stated that 2014 property taxes are due on Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

XVI. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

8. February 23, 2015 special meeting

TRUSTEE FEDEWA MOVED THAT A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING ON FEBRUARY 23, 2015 TO DISCUSS CANDIDATES FOR THE POSITION OF DELTA TOWNSHIP MANAGER.

TRUSTEE MOJICA SUPPORTED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED 6-0.

9. Pawn Shop Ordinance Discussion – Captain Campbell

The draft of the Pawn Shop Ordinance which required electronic reporting was discussed. The City of Lansing already requires electronic reporting which our deputies and detectives make use of frequently. Legal Counsel David Revore discussed issues associated with legal issues and case history.

10. Annual Reports: Clerk's Office and Building Department

Clerk Clark gave updates to the Board on cemetery plots/burials, passports, licensing, bus token/pass sales, and how that information compared to the past three years.

Building Division Director Ted Droste gave updates to the Board on permits issued, construction projects in Delta Township, examples of blight and dangerous buildings, and code enforcement statistics for the past three years.

XVII. PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

Trustee Fedewa wanted his public endorsement of Darnell Early, Detroit Public Schools Emergency Manager, for the Delta Township commission appointment for Lansing Board of Water and Light to be known.

XVIII. ADJOURNMENT –

Supervisor Fletcher adjourned the meeting at 7:15 PM.

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KENNETH FLETCHER, SUPERVISOR

MARY R. CLARK, TOWNSHIP CLERK